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SCHOOLBOY KIDNAPPED. O.C.I.

At 10.35a.m. 26/9/40, Mr. J.R. Norton of St. John's University Senior Middle School, Jessfield Road, came to this station, and reported that one of his students, named

Chen Chong Tsung (陈崇正), 18, Chekiang, student, St. John's University Senior Middle School, son of Mr. Chen Iung (陈英), accountant, employed by Simmsen & Co., 451 Kiangse Road, 849/140 Seymour Road. Wearing rimless spectacles, short sighted. Dressed in black jacket, brown trousers, rubber shoes. Speaks English.

had been kidnapped by armed men on Jessfield Road near the School.

Mr. Norton said he had first received information of the affair when at about 8.45a.m. 26/9/40, the boy's ricksha coolie, accompanied by a relative, came to the school, and reported the matter.

The following has now been ascertained:-

At about 7.15a.m. 26/9/40, the kidnapped boy left his home bound for school. He travelled in his father's private ricksha licence No. 7054 pulled by Tang Sung Wai (唐生和), a ricksha coolie, permit No. 7290.

The ricksha arrived within about 200 yards east

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of the school on Jessfield Road, when at about 7.45 a.m. 26/2/40, a gang of about six men, two of them armed with small pistols, suddenly appeared on the roadway pulled the boy out of the ricscha, and dragged him into a nearby lane.

The gang told the ricscha coolie to return home, and say nothing of the incident.

The ricscha coolie returned home as fast as possible, and at once informed the household of the occurrence. Then, the ricscha coolie, accompanied by Mr. Teang Zung (張頌), uncle of the kidnapped boy, went to the school and reported the affair.

Prior to the recent tramway strike, the boy was taken only as far as the corner of Ferry and Sinza Roads by the ricscha coolie, and from there he travelled alone by railless tramcar to Jessfield Park. He completed the journey by walking across the Park to the school gates.

Mr. Chen Tung, father of the kidnapped boy, was called to this station. He can give no reason whatsoever for the affair. He said he is not a wealthy person, and has no activities outside of his office.

Photographs of the kidnapped boy have been supplied.

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The description of the gang, as given by the ricssha coolie, is:-

- (1) Age about 30, height about 5'6", medium build, dark complexion, long face, long hair combed back, wearing grey cloth jacket and pants, speaking Kompo dialect.
- (2) Age about 25, height about 5'4", medium build, dark complexion, round face, wearing black cloth jacket and pants, speaking Kompo dialect.
- (3), (4), (5) & (6) description not available.

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S.C.G. Police Bureau informed.

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